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1. AS REPORTED REFAIR A-011, GOCAE IS AGGRESSIVELY SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF CAE ROBUSTA COFFEE PRODUCTION AND EXPORTATION AND HAS NO PLANS TO SUSPEND COFFEE SALES ABROAD. GOCAE REGARDS CURRENT HIGH INTERNATIONAL PRICES (CURRENTLY DOLS. 2.20 PER POUND FOR CAE BEANS COMPARED TO 69 CENTS AT START OF 1976 AS ONE-SHOT OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY SPECIAL SUPPLY CONDITIONS. GOCAE RIGHTLY PERCEIVES THAT, SINCE CAE COFFEE MAKES UP A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL WORLD PERCENTAGE, THE CAE FACES A COMPLETELY ELASTIC DEMAND CURVE AND CANNOT BY ITSELF RAISE PRICES BY RESTRICTING SUPPLY. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE CAE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN ANY CARTELIZATION OF THE COFFEE SECTOR.

2. IN ADDITION TO TECHNIQUES TO EXPAND PRODUCTION DESCRIBED REFAIR A-011, GOCAE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY UNCLASSIFIED

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THROUGHOUT COFFEE SECTOR THROUGH REORGANIZATION OF GROWERS, BUYERS, AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INTO SINGLE SUPER-STRUCTURE. IT ALSO SEEKS NEW INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN COFFEE PRODUCTION, AND HAS SUBMITTED PROJECTS TO VARIOUS DONORS (ESPECIALLY WEST GERMANY) FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICES.QUAINTON

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